

CITY OF RALEIGH INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



To: Ruffin Hall,
City Manager

From: C.L. Deck-Brown, *CLDB*
Police Chief

Date: December 7, 2016

Re: Preliminary Report of November 30, 2016,
Officer-Involved Shooting

An officer-involved shooting occurred on November 30, 2016, at 1230 University Court, Apartment 202. As is standard practice in these matters, the State Bureau of Investigation is conducting an independent criminal investigation of the shooting and will present its findings directly to the Wake County District Attorney for review. The Detective Division of the Raleigh Police Department is investigating the crimes committed by the suspect, Mr. Chijioke Kennedy Madueke. Additionally, the Internal Affairs Unit of the Raleigh Police Department is conducting an administrative investigation of the use of deadly force by the officers. When complete, the administrative investigation will be reviewed by supervisory staff.

All investigations are on-going, will be thorough, and will follow the available facts and evidence wherever they lead. Based upon the information currently available to the Department, a preliminary review of the incident provides the following:

At approximately 2:39 p.m., a 911 call was received indicating that there was a residential breaking and entering in progress at 1230 University Court, Apt. 202. Several officers were dispatched to investigate. Master Officer T.A. Duford, Master Officer R.D. Vanhouten and First Class Officer C.N. Chandler were the first to arrive. The officers were told by dispatch that the suspect had been evicted from his apartment earlier in the day and had returned, broken in, and remained inside.

Apartment 202 consists of four separate bedroom suites, each rented to a separate tenant, along with a shared kitchen and common room. When officers arrived, they heard voices inside and were let into the apartment's common area by a female subject. She indicated that she and her brother had been called by another tenant in apartment 202 because their brother, Mr. Madueke, had broken back into his old apartment. They indicated that Mr. Madueke was inside the bedroom suite he used to occupy.

Officer Duford began to try to make contact with Mr. Madueke through the bedroom door by announcing his presence and asking him to come out and speak with the officers. Mr.

Madueke opened the door slightly, while keeping one hand concealed inside the pocket of his jacket. While Officer Duford began to speak with Mr. Madueke, Officers Vanhouten and Chandler moved into the common area of the apartment. Mr. Madueke refused to come out of the room and after several attempts to convince him to come out, Mr. Madueke stepped back from the door and pulled a wood-handled kitchen knife with a three to four inch blade from his pocket.

Officer Duford immediately backed up and drew his weapon while giving multiple commands for Mr. Madueke to drop the knife. All three officers drew their weapons and backed up to various locations around the apartment's common area as Mr. Madueke went back into the bedroom and closed the door. All officers maintained their positions in the common area of the apartment. After a few seconds, Mr. Madueke rushed out of the bedroom toward Officer Duford and Officer Chandler in a low crouch with the knife in his hand. Believing that Mr. Madueke posed an imminent danger both to the officers in the room as well as to his siblings, all three officers fired at Mr. Madueke. During the gunfire, both Mr. Madueke and First Class Officer Chandler were struck.

Officers immediately notified emergency communications that shots had been fired, requested emergency medical assistance, and conveyed that both an officer and a suspect were down. Officer Chandler, who had been struck in the abdomen, exited the apartment to assess his injuries. It was there that he discovered the round had been stopped by his ballistic vest. The remaining officers began performing first aid on Mr. Madueke, who had been struck in multiple locations, including the arm, leg and torso, until the ambulance arrived. Both Mr. Madueke and Officer Chandler were transported to the hospital to be treated for their injuries.

Officer Chandler was treated for his injuries and released from the hospital. Mr. Madueke remains in the hospital and is currently listed as stable.

Following standard Raleigh Police Department practice, both the Wake County District Attorney and the SBI were immediately notified of the officer-involved shooting. Raleigh police officers secured the area until the SBI arrived to take control of the crime scene.

None of the officers were equipped with body worn cameras and since the incident occurred away from their patrol vehicles, their dash mounted cameras did not capture any audio or video of the incident.

Mr. Madueke's brother told investigators that he recorded the event on his cellular telephone. Both the SBI and the Raleigh Police Department are taking all necessary steps to preserve and review any relevant recording; however, at this time, any recording of the incident contained on the cellular telephone has not yet been retrieved or reviewed.

Pursuant to departmental policy, Officers Duford, Vanhouten and Chandler were placed on administrative duty pending the completion of the SBI and administrative investigations.